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SUBJ: OSC: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE:

APRIL 18, 19 AND 22

1. STSC DISCUSSIONS OF PAST FEW DAYS HAVE CENTERED ON REPORT OF WORKING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING (WGRS) AND REVIEW OF UN PROGRAM ON SPACE APPLICATIONS (ITEMS 4 AND 5 STSC AGENDA).

2. CHIEF POINT OF ISSUE ON WGRS REPORT WAS EXTENT TO WHICH STSC WAS TO COMPENSTATE FOR LACK OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS IN WGRS REPORT. BRAZIL, WITH SUPPORT OF ARGENTINA AND MEXICO, AT FIRST STRONGLY RESISTED ANY EFFORTS TO DEVELOP STSC RECOMMENDATIONS ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS IN ABSENCE OF LEGAL FRAMEWORK. BUT IN FACE STRONG SUPPORT OTHER DELEGATIONS FOR SOME KIND OF EXAMINATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL ALTERNATIVES, BRAZIL LATER MODIFIED SOMEWHAT ITS HARD POSITION. BRAZIL JOINED DRAFT GROUP FORMED TO PREPARE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL STUDIES BY SECRETARIAT OF VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL REMOTE SENSING FACILITIES WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY CONCLUSIONS THAT MIGHT BE REACHED

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LATER BY LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE. DRAFTING GROUP PAPER EXPECTED

TO BE CIRCULATED APRIL 24.

3. UN EXPERT'S REPORT HAS STIMULATED MUCH DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OF EXPERT'S ROLE. EXPERT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL EXCEEDS 1974-74 BIENNIAL LIMITS SET BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY. PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDED PROGRAM HAS USUAL LDC SUPPORT AND IN ADDITION JAPAN AND AUSTRIA HAVE BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO INCREASED BUDGET. UN EXPERT'S PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SPACE APPLICATIONS CONFERENCE AS SUCCESSOR TO 1968 VIENNA CONFERENCE HAS RECEIVED MIXED RECEPTION.

4. SPACE EXPERT'S PROGRAM: SPACE EXPERT'S PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDED PROGRAM IN SPACE APPLICATIONS WAS WELL RECEIVED BY SOME COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE LDC'S, AND INDIA RECOMMENDED EVEN LARGER PROGRAM. HOWEVER, INCREASE OF \$31,000 OVER 1974-75 PROGRAM BUDGET IS RUNNING INTO STRONG RESISTANCE FROM USSR AS WELL AS US. SOV REP SAID BUDGET SHOULD BE KEPT TO LEVEL APPROVED FOR 1974-75 BIENNIAL. WE HAVE PRIVATELY INFORMED SECRETARIAT (ROBINSON) WE ALSO OPPOSE BUDGET INCREASE OVER THAT APPROVED BY GA, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD SUPPORT PROPOSAL TO INCREASE 1975 BUDGET BY AMOUNT OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS (\$17,000) FROM 1974 BUDGET. ROBINSON TOLD US HE THOUGHT EXPERT COULD READILY ADJUST BUDGET AND PROGRAM TO LEVEL WE SUGGESTED AS LIMIT.

5. TENURE OF SPACE APPLICATIONS EXPERT:
ITALY, FRG, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, MEXICO AND USSR ALL SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED EXTENSION OF SPACE APPLICATIONS EXPERT'S TERM OF APPOINTMENT FROM PRESENT TWO YEARS TO THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

6. SECOND UN CONFERENCE ON SPACE APPLICATIONS: EXPERT SUGGESTED CONFERENCE FOR 1976 OR 1977 TO (1) ASSESS RESULTS SO FAR; (2) IDENTIFY PRIORITIES, AND (3) DRAW UP ACTION PROGRAM. SEVERAL DELS SUPPORTED IDEA FULLY; MOST HOWEVER, FOLLOWED AUSTRALIAN LEAD IN ASKING FOR FULL-SCALE PROPOSAL INCLUDING THEME, OBJECTIVES, RELATION TO OTHER CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS, AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. UK REP (CAVANAUGH) SUPPORTED CALL FOR CONFERENCE, BUT LATER UK DELOFF (GREENING) BACKTRACKED. US REP (FRUTKIN) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTED EXPERT'S THREE SUGGESTED PURPOSES FOR CONFERENCE WERE PRECISELY CONCERNS OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE ITSELF. IF CONFERENCE WERE ONLY SYMPOSIUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE OTHER SCHEDULED CONFERENCES WERE NOT SERVING SAME PURPOSE. SOV REP SAID CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD ONLY WHEN THERE WAS NEED FOR ONE. SUCH A NEED WOULD AGAIN ARISE, BUT IS WAS NOT APPARENT IT EXISTED NOW.

7. QUESTIONNAIRE: INDIAN REP (VELLOKI) SUGGESTED THAT QUESTIONNAIRE ON SPACE APPLICATIONS BE SENT TO ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ASCERTAIN THEIR NEEDS IN THIS AREA. HE NOTED REMOTE SENSING QUESTIONNAIRE HAD BEEN SENT ALREADY BUT WANTED FULL RANGE OF SPACE APPLICATIONS ADDRESSED. SOME DELS ARE SUPPORTING PROPOSAL. SOV DELOFF (ORDZHONOKIDZE) SAID PRIVATELY HE REGARDED QUESTIONNAIRE AS USELESS EXTRA WORK.

8. LDC INVOLVEMENT IN SPACE APPLICATIONS; INDIAN REP DELIVERED DEFENSE OF APPARENT LACK OF LDC INTEREST IN SPACE APPLICATIONS, WHICH HAD BEEN NOTED BY SWEDEN AND OTHERS. HE SAW REMEDY IN GREATLY INCREASED BUDGET. FRUTKIN CRITICIZED SOME ASPECTS OF EXPERT'S REPORT AND ORAL PRESENTATION. FRUTKIN CONTENDED THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT QUANTITATIVE DATA IN REPORT TO JUSTIFY EXPANDED PROGRAM. FRUTKIN ALSO CONTESTED UN EXPERT'S ASSERTION WHICH HAD SUPPORT OF VARIOUS OTHER DELEGATES, THAT LDC'S COULD NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE VARIOUS FELLOWSHIP OFFERS SINCE OFFER DID NOT COVER FULL COSTS. FRUTKIN AND OTHERS, NOTALY UK, ARGUED THAT THERE WERE GOOD GROUNDS FOR REQUIRING RECIPIENT COUNTRIES TO PAY PART OF COSTS FOR TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. FRUTKIN ALSO NOTED IN RESPONSE TO UN EXPERT'S COMPLAINT ABOUT LACK OF TECHNICAL AND QUANTITATIVE DATA AT HIS DISPOSAL, THAT US AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF INFORMATION ABOUT ALL PERTINENT ASPECTS OF PROGRAM. FRUTKIN ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO RECALL US MASTER DATA OFFER (JANUARY 30, 1973) UNDER WHICH US WOULD MAKE ALL DATA AVAILABLE TO UN CENTER OR CENTERS ON SAME TERMS AS IT WOULD BE TO INDIVIDUAL USERS.

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9. NO MEETINGS HELD APRIL 23 OWING TO STRIKE OF INTERPRETERS. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY MORNING. SCALI

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